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IN RE APPLICATION OF: HAROLD VATER ET AL
SERIAL No.: 09/763,621

FILED: April 26, 2001

FOR: ACCESS-PROTECTED DATA CARRIER

GROUP ART UNIT: 2134

EXAMINER: C. Collin

ATTY. REFERENCE: VATE3002/BEU



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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116, AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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This paper is in response to the Official Action dated July 19, 2004.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.